

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: TRANS UNION CORP. PRIVACY)	
LITIGATION,)	
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	No. 00 C 4729
)	MDL Docket No. 1350
ALL CASE)	Judge Robert W. Gettleman

ORDER

In an order dated May 1, 2009, (“the Order”), the court gave notice to the parties (and attorneys) that it had decided to appoint a special master pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 53 to:

(1) conduct an appropriate investigation of the matters and problems recognized in this court’s memorandum opinion and orders of April 6 and April 14, 2009; (2) take all appropriate measures and perform all duties allowed by Rule 53(c); and file a report pursuant to Rule 53(d) and (e).

In the Order, the court directed each group of attorneys to file a response to the court’s notice and to suggest a candidate for appointment. The court has reviewed those responses and suggestions. By order dated June 2, 2009, the court appointed Jeffrey T. Gilbert of Reed Smith as special master. Thereafter, Louisiana Counsel filed an objection to Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Gilbert filed an affidavit declining the appointment.

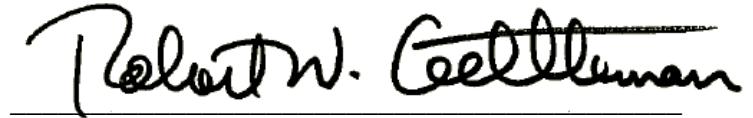
Consequently, the court has chosen another party to be special master, and hereby appoints Edward W. Feldman of Miller, Shakman and Beem. Like Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Feldman is known to this court as a highly competent attorney who has extensive experience in complex class action litigation on both the plaintiffs’ and defendants’ sides. Mr. Feldman also teaches

ethics and professional responsibility as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University School of Law.

Mr. Feldman's duties shall include, but are not limited to, examining the time records of all counsel, recommending whether to base the fee award on a lodestar or percentage basis, and investigating any ethical issues raised by Louisiana counsel's (or any other counsel's) time records and communications discussed in the court's April 6, 2009, memorandum opinion and order, and any other similar issues that may be raised during the performance of his duties. The special master is directed to conduct such hearings as he determines are appropriate to perform his duties promptly, and shall serve and file a copy of his final decision on the parties and with the court. The special master may communicate ex parte with the court (including the district judge and the magistrate judge) but may not do so with the parties or counsel. The Special Master and Miller, Shakman and Beem staff appointed by him shall be paid at the market rate regularly charged by Miller, Shakman and Beem. Unless otherwise ordered, the costs and fees of the special master are to be paid equally from the fund and from each group of counsel.

The special master is directed to file an affidavit disclosing whether there is any ground for disqualification under 28 U.S.C. § 455 on or before June 22, 2009. The Special Master is further directed to conclude his duties and file his report on or before October 1, 2009. The court will set a schedule for objections and confirmation thereafter.

ENTER: June 11, 2009


Robert W. Gettleman
United States District Judge